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THE BARD OF AVON
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Dedication of the Memorial
 Erected by Geo. W. Channing
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Henry Irving Reads "The Poet"
 by Wendell Holmes
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Homily on International Friendship
 by Minister Phelps.
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LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Shakespeare memorial fountain, presented by the Children of Philadelphia, to the town of Stratford-on-Avon, was dedicated with ceremonies to-day.

Henry Irving made the dedication, and the following inscription for the fountain by Oliver Wendell Holmes was read:

Welcome, thrice welcome is thy silver
Thou long imprisoned stream!
Welcome the tinkle of thy crystal beads
As plashing raindrops to the flowery
As summer's path to Avon's whisper
From rock-walled channels, drowned
In night.

Leap forth to life and light;
Wake from the darkness of thy trouble
To the sun's smile and the flowers' shout
To the birds' song and the bees' hum.

No purer lymph the white-limbed Naiads
Than from thy chalice flows:
Not the bright spring of Aërle's sunny
Starry with sparrows, washed from
Nor glassy stream Blandula's fountain
Nor wave translucent where Sabrina
Breaks her loose-flowing hair,
Nor the swift current, stainless as it runs,
Where chill Arveiron steals from Alps
Here shall the traveller stay his weary
To seek by calm retreat:
Here, as high in the tower-armed
Here, when the shadows, lengthening
west,
Call the mute song-bird to his leafy nest
Matron and maid shall chat the cares

While flocking round them troops
meet,
And all the arches ring with laughter;
Here shall the steed, his patient lie,
In toil that never ends,
Hot from his thirsty trunk o'er hill and
Plunge his red nostrils, while the tortoise
Props in loose loops beside his floating
Trust the poor brute that shares his name
Find his small needs forgot,—
Nor of humble, long-enduring friend
Whose presence cheers, whose guard
fends!

Here lark and thrush and nightingale
And skimming swallows dip,
And strange shy wanderers fold their
Feathers from bowers that lent, their

Where Paestum's rose or Persia's lilac
 Here from his cloud the eagle stoop to
 At the full basin's brink,
 And when his beak is thrust its rounded
 His glossy feathers glistening as they
 Here shall the dreaining poet linger long
 Far from his troubling thought—
 Nor lute nor lyre shall tempt his hand,
 Here no frail Muse shall limp her cripple
 No faltering minstrel strin in his throat
 These hollowed echoes who shall dare
 Whose touchless voice shall dare
 Whose gauding chords with jarring
 The nymphs that heard the Swan of A
 What visions greet the pilgrim's raptur
 What ghost's made real rise

The deed returned,—they breathe,—they
Joined by the host of Fancy's airy train
Forth from the springs of Shakespeare
In him!
The stream that slakes the soul's divine
He found the sunbeams first;
Rich was his fane, not less shall mine;
The gracious gift that humbler want sues
O'er the wild waters reached the hand
To all this bounteous wave,
With health and strength and joy
Blest be the generous pledge of
brought
From the far home of brothers' love, un-
Long may fair Avon's fountain flow, un-
With storied shrines of old,
Castalia's spring, Egeria's dewy cave,
And Homer's

Land of our Fathers, ocean makes us true!
But heart to heart is true:
Proud is your towering daughter in the
Yett in burning
Her mother's pulses beating in her breast
This holy found, whose rills from Heaven
Its gracious drops shall lead.—
Both feet basked in the light of baptism
And love make the old home and the
August 29, 1887.

"Hail, Columbia" was sung after
and cheers were given for Queen
and President Cleveland.

The day was observed as a holiday
whole town was *en fete*. The
from the town hall to the fountain
by the municipal authorities.

Irving read the poem by Holmes effect, prefacing it by the remark that the name of the poet was beloved whose English language is spoken. After this he continued with his speech, in which he said that Mr. Childs dwelt at length upon the influence of Shakespeare through the theatre upon people in an age when reading was which few only enjoyed. He paid compliment to Americans, on their appreciation of Shakespeare, and then turned to his tomb.

After the exercises, the guests at the dinner were given a banquet in the hall, at which the Mayor presided. The great memory of Shakespeare was then read by the Mayor.

He said that it was always a gratification to reply to a toast invariably no matter how warmly by Englishmen. The cordial friendship between America's representative was even felt towards brethren across the sea. In all that regarded the value of a continuing friendship relationship between the countries cordially concurred. There remained not the property of England and alone, but concerned the whole world. (Hear, hear.) It was a calamity too great to be met if these relations should

Friendship between peoples depends less on the conduct of their public life on the spirit which emanates from themselves. (Hear, hear.) Diplomacy is not the cause for more than a little light in the guidance of a state. It had really very little place in existing friendship between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon people. It did not quarrel unless they could do so. When hostile provocation was too far off to seek, diplomacy did not for much compared with a knowledge of each other's spirit. It was well we were better maintained in mutual justice and kindness than by trying to obtain diplomatic promises of justice and kindness would need.

RAILROAD MATTERS

EASTERN ROAD.

An exchange says the Eastern directors are debating whether to pay a dividend on the common stock, at a semi-annual. The company being the duty legatee of Maine-Lowell-Eastern and loss, and the accounts being annually it is not possible to tell.

what amount there will be to determine whether a given amount can be deducted for distribution. It has not yet been determined whether to deduct the sinking fund required of \$100,000 for one or two years from the past year's income.

NOTES.

The Boston & Maine Railroad has purchased a gravel hill in South Berwick, Me., for \$2300. The gravel will be used in the repairing and in the completion of the track.

John Horne, the master-mechanic of the Washington railroad, whose headquarters are at Washington, has been

General Manager Payson Tucker Maine Central Railroad has given engineers to six miles per hour before the street crossings in Richmond Valley. This is the result of a protest at the Board of Selectmen against trains over unprotected street crossings. The Board of Selectmen has a greater rate of interest in the railroad. Two persons have been killed in trains there within the past two months. The Bangor and Piscataquis railroad has paid to the city treasurer.

The Faithful Little Shepherd
[Kennebec Journal.]
When Asbury Blagdon of Randolph
accidentally killed by the discharge
gun, the little shepherd dog that was

his communion in his gunning expedition lay down beside the body of his man remained throughout the day, and on arrival of the coroner he would not permit person to approach, and it was only long persuasion and force that he moved. He was then allowed to remove the remains, frequently uttering most pitiful moans.

